

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-13, 15-16, 18-21, 23, 26, 27, 29, 30, 32 and 34 are pending in the above-identified patent application. Claims 14, 17, 22, 24, 28, 31, 33 and 35 have been cancelled without prejudice. The Examiner is thanked for his kind allowance of claims 1-13, 15, 16, 18-21, 23, 26, 27, 29, 30, 32 and 34.

**Duplicate Claims Double Patenting Rejection**

Claims (14, 28), (17, 31), (22, 33) and (24, 35) stand rejected under 37 C.F.R. 1.75 as being allegedly a substantial duplicate of claims (1, 26), (15, 29), (18, 32) and (23, 24), respectively. As shown, the Applicants have cancelled claims 14, 17, 22, 24, 28, 31, 33 and 35. The rejection of claims 14, 17, 22, 24, 28, 31, 33 is thus moot in view of the foregoing cancellations.

**Request for Allowance**

It is believed that this Amendment places the above-identified patent application into condition for allowance. Early favorable consideration of this Amendment is earnestly solicited.

If in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted.



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